(ग) कंपनी द्वारा दी गई सूचना के अनुसार, 20,314 व्यक्तियों ने 10,000 रु० प्रति व्यक्ति के हिसाब से अग्रिम राशि जमा की थी। इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा जारी किए गए दिशा निर्देशों के अनुसार कंपनी 7 प्रति शत की दर से ब्याज दे रही हैं।

(घ) कंपनी ने अब तक 12,586 ग्राहकों को कारों की पेशकश की हैं जिसमें से 1494 ग्राहकों ने वाहनों की डिलिवरी ले ली हैं और 4898 ग्राहकों ने रद्द करने के लिए कहा हैं। कपनी के अनुसार, 6194 ग्राहकों ने ना तो कारों की डिलिवरी ली है और ना ही रद्द करने के लिए कहा है। कंपनी को अभी शेष 7728 ग्राहकों को कारों की पेशकश करनी है।

संघ लोक सेवा आयोग की परीक्षाओं में भारतीय भाषाओं का प्रयोग

1539. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार संघ लोक सेवा आयोग द्वारा ली जाने वाली परीक्षाओं में भारतीय भाषाओं के प्रयोग की अनुमति देने के संबंध में गभीरता से विचार कर रही है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में योजना की रूपरेखा क्या है ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती मारग्रेट आल्वा) : (क) और (ख) संघ लोक सेवा आयोग ने, अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ आयोग की परीक्षाओं के लिए बहु भाषी पद्धति को लागू करने तथा आयोग द्वारा ली जाने वाली कुछ परीक्षाओं में अंग्रेजी के अनिवार्य प्रश्नपत्र को समाप्त करने से संबंधित प्रश्न की जांच करने के लिए विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग के भूतपूर्व अध्यक्ष प्रोफेसर सतीश चन्द्र की अध्यक्षता में एक विशेषज्ञ समिति की स्थापना की थी। इस समिति ने अपनी रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत कर दी है जिसकी विस्तृत रूप से जांच की जा रही हैं।

Licence for manufacturing 2 Ethyl Hexanol

1550. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the former Minister had permitted granting of licence for manufacturing 2 Ethyl Hexanol by Auraiya Petrochemical project in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether permission had been granted after commencement of election process; and

(c) if so, whether the new Government have reviewed it and what is the outcome?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Fall in the VCP and VCR production Hexanol

1551. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual fall in the indigenous production of VCPs and VCRs due to the smuggling of foreign VCRs and VCPs into the country;

(b) what are the price variations between the smuggled and indigenously produced VCRs and VCPs;

(c) what is the annual loss suffered by the indigenous manufacturers as a result thereof; and

(d) whether Government have formulated any strategy to check the smuggling and marketing of such VCRs and VCPs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) There has not been any annual fall in the indigenous production of VCPs and VCRs. The production of VCRs and VCPs has registered 100 percent growth in 1990 as compared to 1989.

(b) and (c) The prices of indigenous VCRs varies from Rs. 16,000/- to Rs.

20,000/- and that of VCPs from Rs. 11,500/- to Rs. 14,500/- depending upon the model. No reliable information of the price of smuggled VCRs/VCPs is available.

(d) The anti smuggling machinery remain alert against smuggling and marketing of all contraband including VCRs and VCPs. The smuggled goods are seized by the inforcement agencies throughout the country under the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962.

Revival of Bengal Potteries limited

1552. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision for revival of Bengal Potteries Limited, Calcutta; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) After considering various options for revival, the Government had come to the conclusion that it was not possible to operate the unit on a viable basis. Government, therefore, had decided to de-notify the undertaking with effect from 1-11-1987. However, on a writ Petition filled by Bengal Potteries' Workers' and Staff Unions and others the Calcutta High Court stayed the implementation of the Central Government's decision of de-notification, and *status-quo* was maintained. The Writ Petition is pending in the Calcutta High Court and the thus the matter is *sub-judice*. The Central Government's existing decision is not to manage the unit any further in view of its non-viability.

Allegations of violations of human rights by Armed Forces in North-East region

1553. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased:

(a) whether there have been persistent allegations of human rights violations in the North-East and abuse of power by the armed forces with arbitrary detention, torture, rape and extra-judicial killings;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to set up any judicial inquiry into the allegations emanating from Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Mizoram regarding human rights violations;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) wheher the matter was seriously raised on the UN panel meet recently?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (d) There have been no allegations of atrocities by the Army in the North Eastern States in the recent past except from Assam, in the wake of the launching of OP Bajrang in 1990. All allegations have been carefully looked into and most of them have been found to be baseless and motivated. Even where minor deviations from laid down rules and procedure have come to notice stern action has been taken against the defaulting personnel. Out of the 292 writ petitions pertaining to alleged atrocities by the Army, disposed off by the Guwahati High Court, the orders in 291 have been in favour of the Government.

The Indian Army is a highly patriotic and professional armed force which has been maintaining the highest traditions of devotion to the cause. There is absolutely no justification for setting up any judicial enquiry into the allegations of human rights violations.

(e) An allegation in respect of Manipur State was raised by a representative before the UN Human Rights Committee in March 1991, which was challenged and replied to by the Indian Representative.